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AT THE END OF THE DAY. We pray, then, our Father, that, whatever we may lose in war, our ideals may not be lost. May truth and fidelity and honor continue. May the high resolve with which we began be continued to the end. Amen.

THE local Fourth of July celebration committee is making every effort to procure General Leonard Wood to deliver the principal speech here on that occasion. Failing in that they hope to procure some other prominent Army officer.

A. P. GREEN is home from Washington, where, with other fire brick manufacturers, he has been in conference with Government officials. As one of the prime necessities for war is fire brick, he states his plants here will experience no trouble in procuring fuel the approaching winter.

A RECENT issue of Mosby's Magazine, published in Jefferson City, Mo., "Judge W. W. Botts, of Mexico," is a candidate for representative from Audrain county. If very many Missouri counties send representatives like Judge Botts, the next edition of the Revised Statutes of Missouri will be one of the greatest law-books ever written. Missourians should send their best lawyers to the legislature this year, and evidently that is what Audrain county has decided to do.

THE American who buys a Liberty Bond and fourthly sells it has performed only half a service for his country. To buy bonds and then sell them immediately tends to make the war burden of the country heavier instead of lighter, as it decreases the market value of the bonds. Liberty Bonds are the safest and soundest and one of the best investments in the world. To sell them unless imperatively required is not good business, is not good Americanism.

EVERYBODY MUST HELP.

IN Sunday's Globe-Democrat was a most interesting letter from Sergeant Moser, formerly of that city, now in France with the U. S. army. He stresses the necessity of solidarity at this time being vital to success abroad.

"We have to deal with the most selfish pride and obstinacy ever known," Sergeant Moser says in his letter. "But American heavy duty and organization will accomplish the task. All we need is the whole-hearted support of the people back home, not part of them, or a majority of them, but of all who call themselves Americans."

Such appeals as these should be entered into the minds of the people. The following inscriptions for the building of the Detroit News were prepared by Prof. F. N. Scott of the University of Michigan:

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RHEIMS ATTACKED BY NIGHT

Gigantic German Thrust Intended to Take the Allies by Surprise is Completely Blocked

ITALIAN SITUATION IMPROVES

Italians Hold Reserves Ready to Strike as Austrian Attack Between Brenna and Piave Falls Special to the Ledger.

PARIS, June 19.—After several days of comparative quiet on the western front the enemy attempted to surprise our positions at Rheims in a sudden night attack. The thrust was fruitless and was completely blocked by Allied commanders and men who were wide awake to the situation.

Austrians Fall in New Attack. Special to the Ledger.

ROME, June 19.—The final failure of the Austrians' drive in Italy seems to have been assured when a vigorous attack on the Italian positions between Brenna and Piave failed with surprising swiftness. The Allied line is well established the entire length.

The battles in the mountainous regions have quieted down according to official communication from the war office here, and the fighting has concentrated in fierceness on the banks of the Piave on toward the sea.

A repetition of the flank movements which were used by the enemy in the October Italian drive and which were evidently attempted again, has been seemingly prevented. The upper flank in the Venetian Alps is blocked by a combined force of British, French, and Italians who have exhausted it with bitter counter attacks. The lower flank which has long been the most dangerous seems to lack the strength of forcing its way around and across the Piave which is so hotly held by the Italians.

Reserves Are Ready to Strike. ROME, June 19.—All danger on the Piave has passed; for the Italians are not only sufficiently reserved to hold their positions, but are waiting for the right opportunity to strike. The whole situation is encouraging to say the least.

Semi-official reports say that the Austrians have dropped fourteen batteries across the Piave on the front on which they have crossed this river. Concentrated cannon fire of the Italians is said to have already rendered this effort vain.

French Bury 600 Austrians. PARIS, June 18.—In massed formations the Austrians hurled themselves at French positions on the Asiago sector of the Italian front after a severe bombardment of heavy and light artillery. Everywhere the line held and all assaults were broken up. Prisoners were taken, valuable military information obtained, and heavy losses inflicted on the enemy. In front of one French regiment it is said that more than six hundred Austrians were buried by our troops.

Americans Wipe Out Patrol. PARIS, June 18.—American shell fire completely wiped out a German patrol on the Marne front, and Yankee Infantrymen captured two escaping huns who were endeavoring to get back to their side of No Man's Land after being detained in an Allied prison.

Goos to Washington. Mrs. Tina Dobyns, who has been head of the House Department of Hardin College for several years, departs shortly for Washington, D. C., where she will manage a large boarding-house. Mrs. Dobyns has many close friends in this city, who will regret to see her leave, but join the Ledger in wishing her much success and happiness in her new home.

Graduates in St. Louis. Miss Helen Creasey is home from St. Louis, where she graduated last week from St. Elizabeth's Convent. Her father, Mason Creasey, who attended the closing exercises of the school, accompanied her.

Rixey Sings at Littleby. Sims Rixey of this city sang several selections at the Littleby Church Sunday, in connection with a Children's Day programme. The entertainment which was usually good was attended by such a crowd that the building would not accommodate all. Several car loads went out from Mexico. The collection taken amounted to \$44.05 and will go into the children's fund to be distributed between home and foreign missions.

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PATRIOTIC JUBILEE ON JULY THE FOURTH

Chamber of Commerce Has Assurance of a Body of Marines and a Naval Band for Stunt Here

AEROPLANES MAY FLY TOO

Big Speaker Will Be Procured for Afternoon Address Declares Secretary John T. Stewart.

The only town in central Missouri to have planned a celebration on a large scale, Mexico will be the center of Missouri on the Fourth of July. Unprecedented arrangements have already been carried out and numerous suggestions are fast being made practical by the committee in charge.

The nature and all definite details up-to-date have been heartily endorsed by the State Council of Defense; and the entire movement of the observance of Independence Day by patriotic gatherings has not only been sanctioned but energetically urged by President Wilson.

Marines and Sailors Will Come. John T. Stewart, secretary of the Mexico Chamber of Commerce, stated Wednesday that he had good assurance of a naval band being here for the afternoon and evening; and that the St. Louis Marine Recruiting Station had promised to have a body of regulars here, probably twenty or twenty-five. These men will take part in the pageant as well as give exhibition drills and speeches of their various experiences in all parts of the world.

The celebration will be held on the beautiful M. M. A. campus, which will be bordered with concessions of all descriptions. Many have applied for places on the midway already and besides local individual and lodge booths, a number of out-of-town attractions have been solicited.

Pageant to Have Natural Background. "The Allied Nations," a new and thrillingly patriotic pageant will be staged in the evening at 8 o'clock just following the band concert.

Flags, costumes, and necessary "props" have already been ordered for this part of the day's entertainment; but nature has furnished the most valuable asset to the pageant in the form of a sloping amphitheatre whose grass-covered surface runs down to the edge of the M. M. A. lake and stands out behind a little rustic bridge. As dusk will fall during the reproduction of this bit of war history, high powered lights will be provided for the illumination of the grounds.

Ball Game, Aeroplane and Speaker. Communications addressed to Gen. Wood and Champ Clark in an effort to procure through their influence a rent, worthwhile man as a speaker have been mailed, and an answer expected soon. This address will be at two in the afternoon and will be followed by a ball game between Mexico and someone else. The talk will be preceded by a concert by the Audrain Council of Defense Band and the Naval Band.

It was stated this morning that a man would be sent at once to Scott Field to make final arrangements for the bringing here of one or two caked flyers for exhibition flights and lectures. The commanding officer of the camp, a Missouri man, with whom negotiations were opened, was injured recently in a fall, and thus definite plans have been delayed.

Women Help in Arrangements. Besides the fact that Mrs. F. N. Henderson and Miss Maude Wallace have been assigned the responsible task of producing the evening's entertainment in the form of the patriotic pageant at the women of Mexico are willing and anxious to take a greater part in the splendid movement.

It is said that the D. A. R. has resolved to give the whole celebration, should no move be taken by the business organizations of the city; and now they have come forward and volunteered their whole-hearted support and aid in anything they can do.

The pep is here; and Mexico should and will have a record crowd and celebration to remember July 4, 1918 by.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritter Entertain. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ritter delighted fully entertained the following guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McDonald and daughter, Helen and Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Graham, all of Macomb, Ill.; Ray Ritter of Camp Funston, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hutchins and children of Benton City; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bruner, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ritter and daughter, Frances; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrelson, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ritter and daughters, Lela, Florence and Rosalie; Mrs. George Chadwick, Mary Bradley, Misses Ora and Uelag Williams, Albert Zuck and Doc Bradley.

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CARRIERS WILL TAKE PATRIOTIC RECORDS

Employees of the Mexico Post Office Are Asked to Solicit All Patrons in the W. S. S. Drive

U. S. MARSHAL SPEAKS TO THEM

Accurate Records of the Participation of Every Patron in This and Other Moves to Be Taken.

The rural and city letter carriers are expected to list all post office patrons who refuse to aid in the sale of War Savings Stamps, June 28. This advice was given the rural carriers of the Mexico Postoffice by United States Marshal Lynch at a meeting Monday afternoon.

The Reward of Thrift. In addition to his duties as United States Marshal, Mr. Lynch is also chairman of the Randolph county War Savings Campaign committee. He was in Mexico on official business Monday and was invited to address the meeting of rural carriers by Postmaster Jackson. He detailed the great advantages of the War Savings Plan in inculcating in the minds of the young men and women and children of America the habit of thrift. He told of how, through the influence of his mother he had saved a part of his first earnings as a teamster at five dollars a week and that these savings were deposited each week in the safe of the postoffice, then occupied the lot on which the Bank of Mexico now stands. Mr. Lynch is now president of the Bank of Mexico.

One Must Be For or Friend. "The Department of Justice, with which I have an official connection, is using every available agency in running down the enemies of our Government in this critical period," Marshal Lynch declared, "and the man or woman who willfully withholds the aid that is asked for at this time is not a friend of the Government that has so well protected them in the past. The time has come to differentiate between friend and foe and those who will not show their friendship by substantially aiding the Government in proportion to their means must necessarily be classed as foes."

Every patron of the Mexico Postoffice will be solicited by the carriers and clerks between now and June 28. Accurate records are being compiled of the participation of every patron in this and other patriotic movements and when called for these will be furnished the proper authorities.

AUXVASSE. J. R. Taylor, one of our leading grocers, has traded his grocery stock to Mr. Williams for his farm in Illinois.

Miss Mattie Adair fell at her home south of town Thursday and hurt herself painfully, though not seriously.

The Rev. S. G. Wood is visiting relatives in Virginia.

Forty-one cars of stock were shipped over the Jefferson branch Monday.

Mayor Crockett Harrison and Bob Connor of Fulton were business visitors here Monday.

The wedding of Paris Craghead and Miss Holt will be solemnized at the bride's home east of town Wednesday.

J. Mundy and Mr. Bradley were business visitors here from Mexico Monday.

Dr. Hume, of Auxvasse, with six other Callaway physicians, went to Moberly to attend the Medical Meeting Tuesday.

The farmers are all busy with their wheat harvest now, and are experiencing much trouble in getting hands to help.

An exhibit of wheat substitutes was held at the Farmers and Traders Bank Saturday; afterward the display was auctioned off for Red Cross benefit.

Mrs. Kennedy and children are visiting here from Hannibal.

Mrs. Frank Buckner received a letter this week from her son, Joe, who is in the U. S. Navy, stating he had made two trips to France on U. S. convoys.

HEDGECOCK. A large crowd attended the children's exercises at Littleby Sunday. The collection amounted to \$43.90.

Miss Ruth Rouse is spending the week with friends in this neighborhood.

F. F. Witche and son hauled corn to Mexico last week.

Arthur Helwig of Moline spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Helwig.

Mrs. Mary Neal moved to Rush Hill Wednesday.

Quite a few in this neighborhood attended the play "The Three Thorns," given by the Beaver Dam dramatic club for the benefit of the Red Cross in Rush Hill Saturday night.

Miss Addie Cunningham spent Sunday night with Miss Irene Rodgers.

Misses Pauline Ketter and Margaret Mackey of Mexico visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ketter last week-end.

Sims Rixey of Mexico spent Saturday night with Archie Playter.

UNION CHAPEL COUPLE WED. At the parsonage of the Rev. J. D. Greer Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock a prominent couple from the Union Chapel neighborhood were married.

The bride was Miss Mollie S. Bradley and the groom William L. Culver, an extensive Audrain county farmer-stockman. Only close friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

The newly married couple will make their home on a large, fertile farm southeast of this city; and the Ledger joins Audrain in wishing them best luck and a long married life.

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JUNE TIME WHITE EVENT

The Big Annual Occasion for Extra Value-Giving in White Goods

Such a selection of values in desirable undermuslins and white wear would be welcome at any time. But we think it will particularly interest women now for it comes just when many desire to choose their supply for summer.

We have not planned this occasion on the spur of the moment. We have kept in close touch with the markets for several months and whenever we have been able to secure something specially attractive we have done so. It is because we have carefully chosen our stocks step by step in this manner that choosing here now is so delightful and profitable.

Cotton Goods in White Many Popular Weaves

Here are assembled materials for dainty waists and skirts. To be worn now—the warm days are here. Mentioning below are some of the materials in fashions for now and their prices.

Strip Voile Waists, yard 39c
Basket Weave Skirting, 36-inch 35c
White Gabardine, 36-inch wide 29c
36 inch white stripe and barred dainty, very fine, yard 49c

Women's White Tub Skirts

Tub skirts for every summer-time need, for picnics, for dress wear, and town occasions.

Wash Skirt—Fancy white skirting, mercerized raised stripe, buttons down front—pockets and wide belt. \$3.69
White Gabardine in beautiful weaves in plain and stripe. Several styles with patch pockets and pearl button basket weave and whip cords trimmed. Others of pique. \$1.25 to \$3.48

Knit Underwear for Warmer Days

Comfy Cut Vests 25c. Shoulder straps will not slip. Cut to fit perfectly.
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Fine Selection of Undermuslins

You will not regret any purchase made from this splendid stock. Each garment is carefully made of good quality long cloth or nainsook and finished with dainty laces, embroidery and ribbons. Below are several representative values in corset covers, petticoats, drawers, envelope chemise, and gowns, which you must see to appreciate.

Corset Covers—trimmed with lace and embroidery 25c
Brassiere—Fancy lace trimmed 39c
Muslin Skirts—have nine inch embroidery flounce \$1.25
Gowns for Children—embroidery trimmed 49c
Envelope Chemise—Lace trimmed and of fine nainsook 98c
Children's Drawers—All sizes, embroidery trimmed 25c
Ladies Gown—In slipover style and round neck \$1.25
Ladies Drawers of good quality muslin embroidery trimmed 39c



June Voiles Dainty Tub Blouses

It is a simple matter to choose a summer supply of blouses at these prices. Variety is one of the outstanding facts about this June event offering: economy is even more dominant.

Tub Blouses of Voile 98c
New Blouses Washable Silk \$2.25
Crepe de Chine Blouses \$3.48

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LA FRANCES CORSETS

\$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.50

These are the sort of corsets which give one that delightful well groomed feeling, because of their own daintiness.

Fabrics such as higher prices are employed and the finishing touches are equally dainty. Fine fancy batistes as well as the plain fabrics.

Wash Frocks—Styles Favored for Children

These frocks possess the spirit of youth in every line—and come in fabrics that launder beautifully. For every occasion. Now is the time to choose.

Gingham Dresses for Girls 69c to \$2.25
Dresses for Misses from eight to fourteen years of age, large plaids rule in popularity in a variety of charming styles. 69c to \$2.48